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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted, subsequent to the submission of Request For Continued Examination filed on July 17, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A substrate processing apparatus, comprising:
- a substrate transfer section;
- a plurality of modules, each of said plurality of modules being detachably attached to said substrate transfer section; and
- a first substrate transfer device, provided in said substrate transfer section, for transferring substrates to said plurality of modules,
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